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1. Transfer of Men to Shore Duty - Attention invited to Art. D-7024 (10) Bunav. Manual. Attention is invited to Bureau of Navigation Manual, Article D-7024(10) which requires all men transferred to shore duty to have at least two years remaining on current or extended enlistment. The Bureau has noted an increasing number of failures of Commanding Officers to comply with this provision.

The intent of this Article is to insure that no man is ordered to a regular tour of shore duty until he has actually obligated himself to serve two years from the date he is transferred to shore duty. When orders are issued to a Commanding Officer to transfer an enlisted man to shore duty, and such man has less than two years to serve on current or extended enlist-

ment the orders are worded so that the man is to be transferred only provided he extends his enlistment. Commanding Officers should require the man concerned to execute the extension before he is transferred. If the man in question declines to extend his enlistment in order to have the necessary time to serve, the Commanding Officer should not effect the transfer and should notify the Bureau that the man will not extend. Upon receipt of such notification the Bureau will order the next eligible man to the shore station in question.

2. Training in Machinists' Mate's School and Artificers' School at Hampton Roads. The commanding officer at the Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads has written for each class a series of practical exercises with descriptions and instructions, has prepared models to illustrate each exercise and rearranged the machinery and equipment so that an orderly procedure can be followed in performing these exercises. It is believed that a very marked improvement in the instruction of men in these classes will result. Present classes are deriving the benefits from these changes.

3. Special Duties, Men Assigned to. In some few cases, commanding officers have considered that the authorized allowance (Form N.Nav.331-A) is automatically increased by the ratings of men assigned to special duty such as Navy Mail Clerk, Assistant Navy Mail Clerk, barber, tailor, laundryman, etc. This is incorrect as no ratings under any circumstances are allowed in excess of allowance (Form N.Nav.331-A) for such purposes.

4. New Forms Ready for Issue. N.Nav. 127 "Commutated rations, record of." (This form is for use in keeping a daily record by name of the men having their rations commuted and is similar to the form shown on page 101 of the Bureau's Manual).

N.Nav.128 "Quarterly marks card." (This form for the use of Division Officers in recommending quarterly marks for the men of their divisions. The face of the form has space for marks of one man for a period of eight quarters. The back of the form contains information about marks required for advancement and good conduct medals.)

5. Service Schools - Selection of Men for. It is becoming evident to the Bureau that in some instances Commanding Officers are not giving careful attention to the selection of men for attendance at the various Service Schools. Whenever

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unsuitable men are sent to a Service School, their time is lost and useless expense incurred.

The Bureau desires that Commanding Officers exercise careful supervision over the selection of men for instruction in Service Schools in order to assure themselves that all men so selected fulfill all requirements of current instructions.

6. Olympic Games 1928. The Bureau has recently published a circular letter authorizing the participation of the enlisted personnel in the Olympic Games. Candidates recommended as being of Olympic calibre will be assembled at the Naval Academy not later than 15 April 1928.

The Chief of Training Division, Bureau of Navigation has been designated to make all preliminary arrangements for the participation of the Navy personnel in the Olympic Games.

The training of all candidates at the Naval Academy in preparation for the final try-outs has been placed under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Naval Academy. The S.S. President Roosevelt has been chartered by the Olympic Association to transport the American Olympic Team to Europe.

7. Navy Relief. The Secretary of the Navy has received several letters of commendation from prominent men and women throughout the country for the work of the Navy Relief Society in rendering prompt and timely aid to the dependents of the U.S.S. S-4 victims.

The Navy Relief Society has been of great assistance to the enlisted personnel in making temporary loans to families in immediate need of assistance. This policy of the Navy Relief Society will be continued.

8. Schools and Colleges Granting Concessions to Naval Personnel. Since publication of Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 76-27 there has been several requests for information regarding scholarships available. A number of applicants have been awarded scholarships. All requests will receive prompt attention.

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9. Motion Pictures. The Bureau has purchased the following feature motion pictures for exhibition on Naval ships and stations taking Navy Film Service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STARS</u>
Sadie Thompson	Gloria Swanson
West Point	W. Haines-J. Crawford
The Student Prince	E. Navarro-M. Glicker
The Wagon Show	Ken Maynard
The Whip Woman	E. Taylor-A. Moreno
The Chaser	Harry Langdon
That's My Daddy	Reginald Denny
Flying Romeo	C. Murray-G. Sidney
Buttons	J. Coogan-G. Olmsted
The Law of the Range	Pim McCoy
The Crimson Flower	E. Taylor-D. Alverado
Baby Mine	G. K. Arthur-Karl Dane
The Divine Woman	Greta Garbo

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